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SUBJECT: WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM REQUESTING
INCLUSION OF AN ADDITIONAL ITEM ON THE WORLD FOOD CON-
FERENCE IN THE AGENDA OF 28TH UNGA. WE HOPE IT WILL BE
POSSIBLE FOR THIS ITEM TO BE CONSIDERED BY GENERAL
COMMITTEE AT ITS MEETING MORNING OCTOBER 3.

2. QUOTE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE

3. QUOTE LETTER DATED OCTOBER 2 FROM THE PERMANENT
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ADDRESSED
TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL

4. QUOTE THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES PROPOSES
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THE INCLUSION ON THE AGENDA OF THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SESSION

OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AS AN IMPORTANT AND URGENT MATTER, OF AN ITEM ENTITLED: 'CONVOCATION OF A WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE UNDER UNITED NATIONS AUSPICES.'

5. QUOTE THE GENERAL PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED CONFERENCE, AS EXPLAINED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE IN HIS ADDRESS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON SEPTEMBER 24, WOULD BE TO DISCUSS WAYS TO MAINTAIN ADEQUATE FOOD SUPPLIES, AND TO HARNESS THE EFFORTS OF ALL NATIONS TO MEET THE HUNGER AND MALNUTRITION RESULTING FROM NATURAL DISASTERS.

6. QUOTE THE PROBLEM OF THE WORLD'S FOOD SUPPLIES REQUIRES URGENT ATTENTION.

THE WORLD HAS HAD
A CLEAR WARNING THAT WE NEED TO DEVELOP BETTER MEANS TO ASSURE ADEQUATE FOOD SUPPLIES OVER THE LONGER TERM.

7. QUOTE WE MUST ACT TO DEVELOP BETTER WAYS OF COPING WITH THE DANGER OF A RECURRENCE OF SIZEABLE DECLINES IN PRODUCTION SIMULTANEOUSLY IN MANY CRITICAL AREAS OF THE WORLD. AT THE SAME TIME WE CANNOT TAKE FOR GRANTED THAT THE INCREASING DEMANDS ON THE WORLD'S FOOD SUPPLIES AS A RESULT OF POPULATION GROWTH AND RISING INCOMES WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY MET BY THE POLICIES OF THE ST. NOR CAN WE REMAIN INDIFFERENT TO THE FACT THAT IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AS A WHOLE FOOD PRODUCTION IS NOT INCREASING QUICKLY ENOUGH TO IMPROVE OVERALL NUTRITIONAL LEVELS.

8. QUOTE PROBLEMS OF THIS ORDER CALL FOR COOPERATIVE ACTION BY THE ENTIRE WORLD COMMUNITY. RICH AND POOR, LARGE AND SMALL, MARKET OR CENTRALLY CONTROLLED ECONOMY, EACH NATION HAS ITS INTEREST, ITS OBLIGATION, ITS ROLE TO PLAY.

9. QUOTE MAJOR PRODUCING COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES, ARE ALREADY ENGAGED IN DISCUSSIONS OF THE SITUATION IN ORDER TO DETERMINE THE TRUE DIMENSIONS OF THE PROBLEM OF SUPPLY. THE WHEAT GRAIN SITUATION HAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BEEN REVIEWED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL WHEAT COUNCIL. AT THE SEVENTEENTH CONFERENCE OF THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION IN NOVEMBER, MEMBER NATIONS WILL CONSIDER PROPOSALS FOR AN UNDERTAKING ON MINIMUM WORLD FOOD SECURITY.

10. QUOTE THE PROPOSED CONFERENCE WOULD BRING THESE AND SIMILAR ACTIVITIES INTO ONE CENTRAL FOCUS. IT IS OUR

HOPE THAT THE CONFERENCE WILL PRODUCE GUIDELINES FOR
INDIVIDUAL AND COOPERATIVE ACTION WHICH WILL ENABLE
THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO MEET THE TESTS IT WILL
FACE IN THIS AREA IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

11. QUOTE I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD CONSIDER
THIS LETTER AS AN EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM WITHIN THE
MEANING OF RULE 20 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND IF YOU WOULD CIRCULATE IT AS AN
OFFICIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY DOCUMENT.

12. QUOTE JOHN SCALI UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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